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## Mover, Shaker, Comforter

We have recently witnessed the heroics of frontline medical professionals in our communities who worked tirelessly to help those infected by Covid-19. Had it not been for their intervention, many more would have died. Some caregivers contracted Covid from their patients and paid the "supreme price." Our society does not handle death well. We have a whole medical arts industry designed specifically to preserve life.



Pastor  
Robert Benson

Similarly, each of us has been bitten by the fatal virus of sin (**Rom 3:23, 6:23**). Were it not for the Gift the Father and Son gave to complete Christ's ministry on earth; we would forever perish in our sins. Extending the invitation of salvation AND of restoring our character to the moral image and likeness of God, was to be the working of the Holy Spirit. There's no other Being in the Universe who could work so patiently, persistently, and powerfully to win our rebellious hearts back to God.

"What is the Holy Spirit up against in this struggle?" A lot!!! Part of the Holy Spirit's work is to transform humanity **from** carnal mindedness **to** reflecting Christ's image and likeness (love is the fulfillment of the law...summarized as love to God...*and* your neighbor). "The carnal mind is at *enmity against* God; for it is *not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be*" (**Rom 8:7**).

Without our cooperation with the Holy Spirit and His written Word, no transformation into Christ's image can be accomplished! God is love, and love uses persuasion (conviction), NOT force. The Abraham-Isaac story illustrates this well. God tested Abraham by asking him to offer his miracle child of promise as a sacrifice. When Abraham explained to Isaac what God required, Isaac lovingly submitted himself to being sacrificed; we know that God intervened, and a ram took Isaac's place.



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David Bolduc

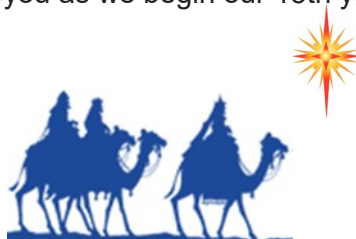
# President’s Perspective “The Holy Spirit”

The paraphrased quote, “We have nothing to fear for the future except we forget how the Lord has led us and taught us in the past” still holds true. On Dec. 23, 2009 at 5:00pm, alone in our station on Traci Lane, I connected to WGCP's transmitter remote control and dialed in the command to turn the transmitter on full-time. We had tested the transmitter and antenna to see if everything worked, but we had to turn it off until the FCC gave us permission to run full-time, much to the annoyance of several people. I don't remember what I said in that prayer, but I do remember praying for the Lord's blessing and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Doing the math, this Dec. 23, 2021 we will celebrate 12 years of broadcasting on 91.9 WGCP, **W**here **G**od's **C**haracter is **P**roclaimed. My mother-in-law, Ruthie Calkins, our first board chair-person, shared the following mission statement in an email from Feb. 27, 2009 - “The goal of all programs is to immerse our listeners in the truth concerning the character of God, He is Love! And, give informational help for living an abundant life.”

Through it all, the Holy Spirit has been moving on the hearts of our listeners to become faithful supporters. I was recently asked to preach in Gladwin, MI. While there, I met two individuals who told me they were attending church because of Strong Tower Radio (STR). We love to hear STR listener stories when we visit churches. Only in Heaven will we know how many lives STR has touched these past 12 years!!

Through your faithful support, we will continue to broadcast the Love of God revealed in His Son. Jesus Christ. Please consider becoming a monthly supporter, if you're not already. Go to STR.fm, call 231-468-2087 or write us at P.O. Box 567, Cadillac, MI 49601. May God richly bless you as we begin our 13th year, trusting in Him!





Did you know, unpaid volunteers, (who love and believe in STR's on-air ministry), have (for years), covered the cost of all the paper products (paper towels, hand towels, toilet paper, paper plates, cups, bowls, utensils, trash bags) and other items? Not to mention; computers, printers, all the giveaways and pens, etc. **Not \$1.00 has come from**

### **STR's budget!!**

We've been blessed beyond measure! This is God's ministry, and He will see that all aspects of it are taken care of. So, we can't thank you enough for your continued prayers and financial support!

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## **Listeners are saying...**

Praises for Strong Tower Radio.

Spread the Word!

Thank you & God Bless!

God Bless You

Love this station, God bless you all!!

In The Love of Jesus - God Bless!

For all who work for the Lord at STR. Thank you and God Bless! **U.P.**

Praying the down payment goal is met to buy the (proposed station) as 89.7 (Grand Rapids) does not reach Newaygo. **Newaygo**

Keep up the GOOD work!

**Fruitport**

Keep up the good work!

**Reed City SDA church**

Jesus is our Robe of Righteousness!

**Evart**

Hoping for a Detroit station soon!

**Lapeer**

Wish we had one in the Grand Blanc area - Listen to you when we are in the Northern area.

**Grand Blanc**

# Past and Future

In November, we focused on the topic "Righteousness by Faith." Pastor Mark Howard wrote our feature article and recorded the "Strong Tower Radio Today" November theme program. You can hear it at [STR.fm](#) under the "Resources/Archives/Strong Tower Radio Today" tab.

We also celebrated Thanksgiving all month long with thankful spots between programs. Thanksgiving week, we ramped things up with a four-part series, "What is Thanksgiving All About?" On Thanksgiving Day, we ran a variety of thankful programs from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We also began running archive programs of "Strong Tower Radio Variety Hours" Fridays at 1 p.m. and Sabbath afternoon at 5 p.m. If you have missed any of these, tune in, or better yet, join us as we record a new Christmas Variety Hour on December 11th, 4 p.m. at the Gladwin Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2336 West M-61, Gladwin.

Our December line-up begins with Pastor Bob Benson's "Holy Spirit" recording, followed by "The Garden Guy"; "Blueprint for Men" ministry; STR's 12th Birthday/Anniversary; our Christmas program and ends with our News Program.

Early in the month, we start the Christmas Hour, 6 a.m. & 6 p.m., with Christmas programs that air again from December 24th through December 25<sup>th</sup>. We also have a brand-new Christmas production, "Once in a Lifetime," the story of John the Baptist's birth, a compelling narrative written from the perspective of John's parents. Listen Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1 p.m. and again December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

One of our favorite yuletide programs is Joe Wheeler's "Christmas in My Heart" series, weekdays beginning December 8<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 p.m. Seasonal Fresh Manna sermons begin airing December 6<sup>th</sup>, running through December 24<sup>th</sup>, followed by New Year's sermons to round out the month.





## Looking Forward!

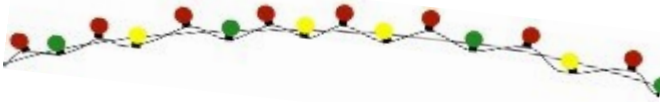
- 5<sup>th</sup>** - The Garden Guy will visit and share a wealth of wisdom on plants.
- 11<sup>th</sup>** - The Gladwin Seventh-day Adventist church is hosting the STR Variety Hour celebrating Christ's birth.
- 12<sup>th</sup>** - We interviewed Marty Miller and Grant Graves from Blueprint for Men and you will hear how God is blessing men who attend this ministry for men!
- 18<sup>th</sup>** - STR's Christmas/Birthday Special recording will air, we share what God has done for us this past year.



## Another Listener Baptized!

Joy Corliss visited Rockford, Michigan's Three Angels Fellowship Church, to witness a Strong Tower Radio listener's baptism. This listener heard the truth in the messages aired on our radio station. The message changed his life. He was delighted to meet someone from STR who came to witness his public commitment moment.

Praise God!!



## Newsletter Changes

We are impressed to make changes to the "STR Ministry News." Here are some of the ideas that we've had; please let us know what you would like to see and whether these are good ideas. Healthy, easy-to-make recipes, biographies of STR employees and volunteers, sneak-peaks at programs we are working on for broadcast, and others! We want the newsletter to be informative and valuable; with your help, it can be.



## Snowbird Witnessing

Our Strong Tower Radio Advisory Committee always gives us great ideas! One suggestion was for our faithful listeners who head for warmer temperatures for the winter (snowbirds) to stream from *STR.fm* or listen via the smartphone app. Additionally, they should invite others they meet to listen as well!

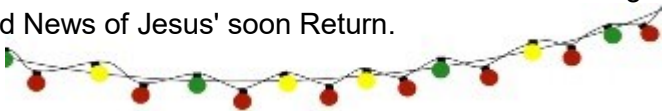
Rosemary Smith and her husband Kelly are seasoned snowbirds. She graciously wrote an article that was published in the November/December issue of Michigan Memo (we also posted it on our website).

If you go south for the winter, download the smartphone app, or stream from *STR.fm*. Introduce the world to Strong Tower Radio by sharing promo/business cards (available from your church or call us, 231-468-2087). Help us proclaim God's character everywhere!



## Potential New STR Stations

Thanks to the generous donations of two STR supporters, we were able to purchase the necessary software to do frequency searches. Our president David Bolduc spent many long hours looking for areas where new stations could be built. This was just in time for a short window of opportunity when the FCC accepted new station applications. With that software, we have saved a lot of time and money and with the help of our consulting engineer and FCC attorney, we submitted 10 applications for new stations. We believe that God desires us to cover all of Michigan with the Good News of Jesus' soon Return.



## The Real Potential for Growth

Strong Tower Radio is doing a "quiet campaign" to raise money for a new station on the West coast of Michigan. We have the down payment for this new station and are now collecting the purchase price balance. If you would like to be a part of growing the Strong Tower Radio ministry to cover every city in Michigan, please get in touch with [Kam.Ferguson@StrongTowerRadio.org](mailto:Kam.Ferguson@StrongTowerRadio.org).



# Festive Holiday Salad

*This salad has often been requested by our family. Its flavor, nutrition, and cheerful color keep us all coming back for more! Inspire everyone to enjoy more salad during this time of year by serving up this fun recipe or creating a personalized version of our family favorite for yourselves.*

## Ingredients:

8 cups baby spinach leaves	1 large pomegranate, approx. 1 cup
1/2 cup pecan pieces	1 Lime, approx. 3 Tablespoons
2 Granny Smith apples	5 Tablespoons honey

## Directions:

1. Make the dressing in a small mixing bowl by stirring the honey and lime juice together till smooth. Pour into a quart jar with a leak-proof lid.
3. Core, slice, and cut apples **with skins on** into 1/3-1/2-inch pieces.
4. Place apple pieces in the jar with the dressing mixture. Fasten lid and turn or shake the jar. Be sure all the apple pieces are covered, this helps with flavor and prevents discoloring from oxidation.
5. De-stem spinach leaves as desired and place in a large salad bowl.
6. You are ready to assemble the salad. Turn or shake the jar of apple pieces again, then pour 1/2 of the apple mixture over the spinach.
7. Sprinkle 1/2 the pomegranate seeds over the spinach. Using tongs, toss the spinach until it's covered with the apples and lime-honey dressing.
8. Then gently toss in 1/2 the pecan pieces. The nuts, seeds, and apples will tend to move to the bottom of the salad bowl. Evenly mix ingredients from top to bottom of the bowl once the dressing covers the spinach leaves.
9. Garnish the top of the salad with the remaining apples, nuts, and pomegranate seeds. If desired, hold back some pomegranate seeds and pecan pieces for garnishing if creating individual servings.
10. **Note:** Dressing is thin, it will cover the ingredients sufficiently; however, it will tend to go to the bottom of the bowl. Toss again before serving.
11. Alternatives/Additions: Sliced almonds, walnut pieces, dried cranberries, or cherries. Other types of apples can be used but do not hold up as well nor have the same sweet-tart balance for the flavors in the original recipe.
12. Makes 10 small individual salads.

Enjoy God's blessings!





Jodi Ferguson

## Bring Joy To The World!

The expanse of the Tennessee Valley lay before us as we sat on a cliffside deck. We saw miles of rolling hills, rivers, hollers (as they call them locally), small towns with a nearly cloudless sky. With a view like this, we couldn't help but think of how grand heaven would be sitting at Jesus' side. After sharing a few words of thanks to our Lord, Lori and I had to sing her favorite song of all time: Joy to The World. With the hope of Jesus soon return and what we had seen Jesus do in our lives, how could we not sing such hopeful adorations to Him?

The sky began to change as we lifted our voices. Clouds started rolling up and gathering to the northeast, and then the clouds broke into veiled sheets of light. As we finished the last words of this favorite tune, a complete rainbow spread from one side of our valley view to the other, an eagle soared up and down in wind drafts. It seemed surreal. We knew it was a gift from heaven - a reminder of God's throne of love. As the song ended, my swing paused, and Lori's rocking chair halted. Everything seemed to stop in time. We both wanted these moments to last. Our eyes watered, for we knew the days ahead would be difficult. Yet, we both recognized it as a reminder of our Heavenly Father's faithfulness to us, no matter what we faced.



Lori and I had shared many days praying together for each other and others. Visiting people to encourage them, pray with them, and study the Bible was such a pleasure. We had spent many hours doing this and praying, singing, and learning together. Now the cancer was coming back, now into her bones. It hadn't gone away; she suffered constantly. To visit others and give Bible studies wasn't like it used to be. She would go out when she had energy, come home, lay, and rest her back, trying to relieve her pain for a while, sometimes hours, before she could get up and go again. It was never convenient, but she loved the Lord too much to stop going. This wasn't just a period of a few days; this was for years.

"I want to do as much for Jesus while I can; I love Him so much," I hear her say, even now. During her last few weeks, all she could do was lay on her couch, her body begging for relief. Still, she wanted to do something for Jesus. I reminded her the most important thing she could do was to pray for others. She clung to that thought as her one desire was to do all she could for her dear Friend Jesus and share with others of His great love for them.



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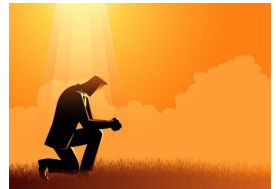
We all need to lovingly "submit ourselves to God" and the workings of the Holy Spirit to utterly put to death our "old man of sin" *daily!* Paul says, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me (**Gal 2:20**)." Our carnal nature, with its selfish and self-serving ways, must be put to DEATH! Unfortunately, our human nature is as resistant to this as Covid-19 is to modern medicine. Nevertheless, the Holy Spirit's work is to weaken our resistance to God (**Rom 5:10**).



The **convicting power of the Spirit** must soften our hardened hearts, deafened ears, blind eyes, and lack of faith with the love of God, to cultivate and bear the fruit of repentance in our lives. "The goodness of God leads us to repentance" (**Rom 2:4**). Unless the Holy Spirit is resisted, God's goodness will melt our steeled hearts like a hot knife through butter.

I remember watching "The Passion of Love" by Mel Gibson, an enactment depicting the horrifying crucifixion of Jesus. My eyes were swimming in tears most of the time as I watched. The Holy Spirit convicted me, that by my sins, I had pierced Jesus (**Zech 14:10**) when he was dying on the cross. Jesus was "made sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (**2 Cor 5:21**).

In *Steps to Christ*, the author says, "The battle of self is the **greatest battle ever fought**. The *yielding* of self, *surrendering* all to the will of God, requires a struggle; but the soul must *submit* to God before it can be renewed in holiness" (p.33 pp 3). Repentance (*metanoia*) indicates our heart and mind have been softened and changed due to the working of the Holy Spirit.



Realizing that Jesus' death on the cross for my sins has canceled the warrant for my death (**Rom 6:23**), my stubborn heart melts. If I don't resist, the Holy Spirit will draw my heart to Jesus' heart (**Jn 12:32**), and I will confess my sins to Him and receive forgiveness and cleansing only His power alone can impart (**1 Jn 1:9**). Transformations in our character follow, another working of the Holy Spirit.

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In **2 Cor 3:18**, Paul says, "But we all, with unveiled face, *beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."*

Let us daily ask for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, that we yield to His convicting power, follow His leading, seek His guidance, allow Him to transform us, and bear His fruit.



Now **the birth of Jesus Christ** was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the **Holy Spirit**. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "*Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the **Holy Spirit**. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name **JESUS**, for He will save His people from their sins.*" **Mt 1:18-21**



## Did Your Donation Double?

STR Board policy states that employees get paid after all other expenses are covered. God has blessed our finances; our bills are paid; however, employees had not received a paycheck for 11 weeks!! A faithful supporter of this ministry told our Board, Advisory Committee, and listeners that \$30,000 would be pledged if matched within six days (ending November 5<sup>th</sup>). Thanks to you, we raised a little over \$60,000! We praise God that the "Double Your Donation for Strong Tower Radio" challenge exceeded its goal!!! Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support; we greatly appreciate them.



# Is Jesus on your list?



Kam Ferguson

Whether shopping for groceries or working on a constructive project, many of us rely on lists we've made to help us complete a goal. Unfortunately, while finding everything on our list is sometimes easy, but it's much more difficult lately. Whether it's an item on the grocer's shelves, a farm equipment part back-ordered till April 2022, or a specialty item that's "unavailable" right now, there's a problem with supply.

Jesus tells us in His Word through the psalmist, King David, "Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help" **Ps 146:3**. So, who do we trust when life becomes snarled? God's Word again answers, "I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no Savior" **Is 43:11**. While we know and understand this to the degree of our experience, living by faith, the world does not! Who will tell them if not you and me? How shall we tell them?

We could take a microphone and amplifier and say it, as loud as possible, and a few city blocks or a few country homes might hear us. Yet, there is a better way that you already know!

Listener-supported STR now broadcasts from 14 signals to over 3 million potential listeners (plus the world via streaming!). All year for truth, for the Savior who gives His life for all. Prophetic signs continue to fulfill as the Bible says. They point to Jesus' soon return! As a result, many are finding STR a powerful outreach tool to share the everlasting gospel with others.

Jesus brings you this opportunity, for such a time as this. There are more ways which the everlasting gospel can be shared. You can give thousands of listeners another chance to tune in and hear the full gospel, many for the first time, by donating a significant year-end gift or commit to a monthly gift, both are tax deductible, too!!

Jesus gave Himself for us at Calvary and gives Himself for us now, ministering in the heavenly sanctuary— we're on His list! Is Jesus on your list this holiday season?

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